

# CDBG PROGRAM

## WATER AND WASTEWATER

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### PURPOSE

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category provides assistance to communities to establish or improve local water or sewer facilities.

### AUTHORIZATION

42 USC § 5301 et seq., 24 C.F.R. Part 570; and Missouri's "Consolidated Plan" submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

State CDBG funds are only available to cities or counties in non-entitlement areas (incorporated municipalities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000).

### ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

Construction related to water treatment and distribution, and sewer treatment and collection for publicly owned systems. Operation, maintenance activities and improvements related to fire flow are not eligible.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are open cycle (year-round), but **require an invitation** after completing the Missouri Water and Wastewater Review Committee (MWWRC) process. The process includes submission of a preliminary proposal and engineering report (with 5 copies) to MWWRC for review and comment. The MWWRC meets twice a month and is made up of members from USDA-Rural Development, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and CDBG. Proposals are received and placed on a calendar for inclusion on the agenda. If the proposal is received between the first and the fifteenth of the month, then it is placed on the agenda for the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. If the proposal is received between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the end of the month, then it is placed on the agenda for the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

### FUNDING LIMITS

The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is \$500,000 or \$5,000 per household.

### SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be sure that the project beneficiaries are at least 51% low and moderate income persons.

New water or sewer systems or expansion /upgrades of existing systems that have substantiated health concerns are prioritized. Successful applicants must demonstrate that rates will adequately cover operation, maintenance, reserves, emergencies, employee overhead, etc; or, the community must have initiated a graduated rate increase that will provide adequate operating costs over a period of years. Communities applying a regional approach to problem solving will receive priority consideration as well.

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### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Go to the department's home page at [www.missouridevelopment.org](http://www.missouridevelopment.org) to obtain guidelines and forms for the CDBG Water and Wastewater Program as well as information regarding Missouri's many other economic development programs and policies.